

January 26, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft United States Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing in support of the Microsoft antitrust settlement agreement. I would appreciate your consideration of the following comments about this issue.

The settlement agreement will dramatically change the way Microsoft conducts its business. Microsoft will license Windows to the main computer manufacturers at the same price, and on the same terms. Microsoft has also agreed not to retaliate against those who distribute or promote software that competes with Windows. These concessions should subdue concerns about any "predatory" business practices by Microsoft.

I find it interesting that the stock market took a turn for the worse when this litigation ensued. In the interest of stimulating the economy, doesn't it make sense to put an end to the lawsuit so that Microsoft can focus on its research and development endeavors?

Thank you for your commitment to settle this case.

Sincerely,

Vetra Bilsland